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Attorney Docket No. 2738-032

First Inventor Lester F. Ludwig

Title MODULAR STRUCTURES FACILITATING AGGREGATED AND FIELD-CUSTOMIZED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 92] (preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 35]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 02]
a. Newly executed (original or copy)
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. paper
c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

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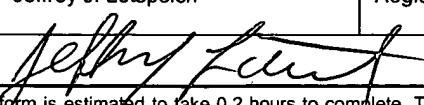
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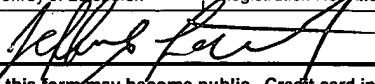
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FEE CALCULATION				
1. BASIC FILING FEE				
Large Entity	Small Entity			
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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 385)	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES				
Large Entity	Small Entity	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	118	-20 **	= 98	X 9 = 882
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	X 43 = 0
Multiple Dependent			X 0	= 0
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)			(\$ 882)	

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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